

# FRIENDS OF THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM

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## VIRGINIA AND TRUCKEE DIVISION

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### MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2011 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM CARSON CITY, NEVADA

**Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

**Roll Call** – Present were, Ron Allen, Bruce Armbrust, Ralph Elligott, Stan Cronwall, David Brambley, Chris MacMahon, and Kurt Dietrich. Absent and excused was Peter Barton, Darlene Berry, and Matt Digangi. A quorum was established.

**Minutes** – Kurt Dietrich presented the December 2010 minutes. A motion was made by Chris MacMahon, seconded by Bruce Armbrust, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

**Correspondence** – Ron Allen stated that that a full page advertisement in the Nevada Appeal was purchased jointly by the five state museums.

**Treasurer's Report** – Darlene Berry reported 12/01/2010 – 01/24/2010 Treasurer's activity as follows:

Beginning Balance – \$6,443.95

Total Income – \$2,884.93

Total Expenses – \$6,494.33

Ending Balance – \$2,834.55

Money Market Account – \$18,491.52

A motion to accept Treasurer's Report was made by Stan Cronwall. Motion seconded by Ralph Elligott. Motion passed.

**Report of Trustee Activity since the previous Regular Meeting** –\$100 was approved for the ADDY Award entry fee for the McKeen Car direct mailing, which will be deducted from the Museum’s quarterly payment.

\$181 was approved for a Nevada Appeal advertisement.

## **OLD BUSINESS – STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Audit Committee** – Barry Simcoe presented a report from Martin Jones & Associates, the CPA retained as our auditor. Barry stated that there is deficiency in internal controls, which is represented as a material weakness. Barry stated that this can be corrected. A motion to accept Audit Committee Report, and authorize the next audit, was made by Bruce Armbrust. Motion seconded by Chris MacMahon. Motion passed.

**Brick Sales Committee** – Laning Clifford reported that eight bricks have been sold during the past two months.

**Election Committee** – No Report.

**Finance Committee** – No Report.

**Fund Raising Committee** – Bill Kohler presented a concept for an Antique and Collectables Market, to be held at Gibson Park. Chris MacMahon, seconded by Ralph Elligott, made a motion to refer the decision to the Committee, with a report to be presented to the Board during the next meeting. Motion passed.

**Interpretive Committee** – Loren Jahn stated that a spring cleanup of V&T No. 25 will occur the day of the safety meeting, April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Loren stated that the installation of the new exhibit at the Interpretive Center will occur April 4<sup>th</sup>, with an April 15<sup>th</sup> completion.

Loren stated that he will ask the past and present Nevada governors to attend a dedication of the Governor’s Locomotive, V&T No. 27, on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Loren presented a schedule of events for the Orange Empire Railroad Museum, and provided examples of events the NSRM could host.

Barry Simcoe suggested having the Committee meet on February 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss themed train ideas.

**Membership Committee** – Susan Allen (not present) reported the following membership levels as of February 1, 2011:

Seniors: 211

Individuals: 120

Family:	286
Senior Couple:	264
Sustaining:	71
Contributing:	20
Patron:	3
Life Time:	4
Benefactor	1
Student:	9

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 989

**Membership Recruitment Committee** – Stan Cronwall stated that follow up is important for renewals, as the State does not provide follow up.

**Operations – Motorcar** – Russ Tanner stated that the Become a Motorman class will be held April 15, 16, & 17. Currently, one person is enrolled.

**Operations – Steam** – Barry Simcoe stated that the safety meeting and spring cleanup will occur on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Promotions and Publicity** – No Report.

**Sagebrush Headlight** – Ron Allen stated that the next edition of the Sagebrush Headlight will be issued this summer. Russ Tanner stated that he received a comment that the last edition was the best they ever seen.

**Website Committee** – A written report was presented to the Board which discussed website changes and additions. The report asked the Board, for discussion, if it is desired to retain the domain name of nsrm-friends.org. The Board recommended that the existing domain name be retained.

**Youth Program Committee** – Chris MacMahon stated that he has submitted candidates for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award, to be announced during the October meeting.

**Symposium Committee** – No Report.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS** – None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Museum Funding** – No Report.

**Upcoming Events –** No Report.

**Other New Business –** Loren Jahn introduced Roger Stone, which offered to lobby legislature pro bono on behalf of the Friends.

**Board or Trustees Member Comments –** Ralph Elligott made a comment that more volunteers are needed to answer questions from the public. Ralph stated that the State is will be presenting a training program to help eliminate the hesitation of new volunteers.

Barry Simcoe stated that the meeting has been very productive.

David Brambley asked if the meeting could be moved to another day to accommodate travel. Ron Allen asked David to email him his availability.

**General Comments –** None.

**Adjournment –** Bruce Armbrust, seconded by Chris MacMahon, made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kurt M. Dietrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and "D".

Kurt Dietrich,

Secretary